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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

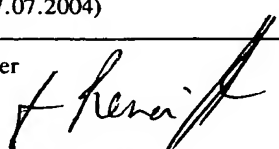
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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. STATEMENT**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-6</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-6</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-6</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1-6 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a system for transmitting a clock signal through a packet-based network comprising a first node configured to measure a clock frequency of the clock signal and calculate an accuracy indicator of the measured clock frequency; a second node configured to receive the clock frequency measurement and the accuracy indicator of the clock frequency measurement, and synthesize the clock signal therefrom; and a packet-based network for transmitting the measured clock frequency and accuracy indicator from the first node to the second node.

-----NEW CITATIONS-----
NONE